



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT
FEBRUARY 9, 2012**

Special Meeting	A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.
Present	Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Council Members, Thomas J. Serra, Ronald P. Klattenberg, Mary A. Bartolotta, Gerald E. Daley, Robert P. Santangelo, Hope P. Kasper, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Philip J. Pessina, Linda Salafia, Todd G. Berch, and Deborah Kleckowski, Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan, Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Michael Ingles, and Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.
Absent	Councilman Joseph E. Bibisi
Also Present	Acting City Attorney Timothy Lynch, Consultant Douglas Rae, May's Administrative Assistant Joseph Samolis, and eleven members of the public.
Meeting Called to Order	The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. and leads the public in the Pledge of Allegiance
Call of Meeting Read	<p>The Call of Meeting was read and accepted. The Mayor declares the call a Legal Call and the Meeting a Legal Meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanks Mr. Dypa for mentioning Phyllis Pollock and Tom Cheeseman during the public meeting. He worked with Phyllis and he would like to take a moment of silence to recognize them both.</p>
Public Hearing Opened	The Chair opens the hearing at 7:19 p.m. and states it is for agenda items only. He asks if there are any members of the public who wish to speak on any of the matters.
Public Hearing Closed	Seeing no members of the public wishing to address the Council, the Chair closes the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
Questions to Directors	<p>The Chair states this is the time for Questions to Directors; he asks if there are questions. Councilman Serra states there should be a quick overview relative to what needs to be done to this chamber.</p> <p>William Russo, Director of Public Works comes forward with Joe Rigano and Greg Seligman from VisionPoint and they can respond to what is going on. Mr. Rigano gives background on Comcast; the equipment is ten years old and it is analog and it will be obsolete. Comcast is converting to digital by midsummer or mid spring. Your equipment is failing in the back but you won't be able to record once Comcast goes all digital and it is no use to repair that equipment because you would be going backwards without moving to a digital signal.</p> <p>Councilman Serra asks what the proposal is; what will we be getting. Mr. Seligman comes forward and states they are looking at the overall system, the three analog cameras they will replace them for a digital system and the back system is analog. Once they change the signal they need to do the wiring and a switcher. We need to change the backbone; it needs to be routed through digital. They will look at all the connections and open them up; the mikes are failing and he can tell by the gain, the audio profile needs adjustment and that could be a key issue. They look to reduce echo through microphones and reduce noise. It is overall an up-grade and if they try to retro fit, it is fitting analog and digital together so he recommends going all digital. Councilman Serra asks if they will have this through our computers as well. Mr. Seligman responds you won't see it through a shared network. Councilman Serra asks if the network is shared. Mr. Seligman responds if it is prepared to add an appliance, to stream video. Right now you can't do that and this is a scalable solution so you can add the appliance. Councilman Serra states some viewers are on direct T.V. and what do we need to do to add the capability. Mr. Seligman states adding another appliance and he would have to discuss with the IT Department and how you post video; is it recorded or streamed. Councilman Serra asks if this is within this project. Mr. Seligman responds can be added. Councilman Serra states without difficulty. Mr. Seligman responds yes.</p>
Noted for the Record	Councilman Faulkner enters the chamber at 7:26 p.m.

Councilman Berch asks about the microphones on the dais and the current one at the podium, in your proposal other than what you are replacing is there another one that or an omni directional one. Mr. Seligman responds there would be available channels in the receiver and you could add microphones. The one at the podium would be a wireless handheld. Councilman Berch states that answers my questions.

Councilwoman Kasper asks about the timeframe. Mr. Seligman states it is about four days. Councilwoman Kasper asks about the cameras and if there are more. Mr. Seligman responds the proposal says it is three and it will be on a LCD screen and you can preprogram 16 shots. Councilwoman Kasper asks if they can't get to an area in the chamber, will the cameras add to it. They have thought about adding an additional one. Mr. Seligman responds it might be zooming. They have a wider angle view and engineering decided that three would cover it all.

Councilman Pessina states he has a follow-up about the pixels. Mr. Seligman responds it is 10 adp cameras. Councilman Pessina asks about the clarity of the cameras and back to Councilman Berch's question about the mike, can they clip it on if someone is making a presentation. When making a presentation, they might not use the mike there or a handheld one and we might not get the full voice. Is that a possibility. Mr. Seligman responds it is not in this solution, but it is an easy solution and you can get a lapel accessory and it is not a difficult thing to do and is an option.

The Chair asks Councilman Serra if he has other questions. Councilman Serra asks about a warranty; is there one. Mr. Seligman replies there is one year warranty from VisionPoint on labor and most of your equipment has the manufacturers' 3-year warranties and we do one year. Councilman Serra asks if that is the service contract. Mr. Seligman responds yes. Councilman Serra asks about a payment schedule. Do we pay you everything when it is done. Mr. Seligman responds yes. Councilman Serra states we have a one year warranty but on the parts it is three years. Mr. Seligman states yes. We add remote monitoring so we can access your switcher so if something fails we are alerted to those problems and that is included in the first year.

The Chair asks if there are further questions. There are none.

Agenda Item5

DescriptionAppropriation Request and Bond Ordinance

The Chair asks the Council Clerk to read the appropriation request and bond ordinance and the Certificate of the Director of Fiannce.

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown will be held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING AT 7:00 p.m.** to act upon the following bond ordinance and appropriation request:

“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$40,000 FOR CITY HALL ENERGY CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$40,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.”

The complete text of the proposed ordinance is on file and open to public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Public Works \$118,160.32, Account No. 1000-22000-55185-0227-50001, Contractual Services, General Fund

Any and all persons interested may appear and be heard.

ATTEST:
DANIEL T. DREW
Mayor

Certificate of
Director of Finance

To: His Honor Mayor Daniel T. Drew
and Members of the Common Council
From: Finance
Date: February 7, 2012
RE: Certification of Funds

This is to certify that funds for the appropriations requested at your meeting of February 9, 2012 are available as follows:

General Fund

\$118,160.32

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Erlacher
Director of Finance

Bond Ordinance Request:

The Chair calls on Councilman Klattenberg for the energy improvement bond.

Councilman Klattenberg reads the title of the bond, the first Whereas and continues reading the rest of the ordinance.

Motion to Waive the Rules

Councilman Serra moves to waive the reading of the entire ordinance; Councilwoman Kasper seconds the motion. The Chair calls for the vote on the motion to waive the reading and it is unanimous to approve with eleven aye votes. The Chair states the motion carries unanimously with eleven affirmative votes and one absent. He declares the motion approved.

The Chair asks for discussion on the ordinance; seeing none he calls for the vote by roll call. He states those voting in the affirmative say aye; those voting in opposition signify by saying nay.

Councilwoman Bartolotta	Aye
Councilman Berch	Nay
Councilman Bibisi	Absent
Councilman Daley	Aye
Councilman Faulkner	Aye
Councilwoman Kasper	Aye
Councilman Klattenberg	Aye
Councilwoman Kleckowski	Aye
Councilman Pessina	Aye
Councilwoman Salafia	Aye
Councilman Santangelo	Aye
Councilman Serra	Aye

The Chair states the motion carries with ten affirmative votes, one negative and one absent.

Ordinance No.	04-12
File Name	\$665000amendmentcityhall\$40,000
Description	“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$40,000 FOR CITY HALL ENERGY CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$40,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.”
(APPROVED)	

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WHEREAS, an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Appropriating \$665,000 For City Hall Energy Conservation Improvements And Authorizing The Issue of \$665,000 Bonds of the City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose” has been enacted by the Common Council at its meeting on June 29, 2010 (the “Original Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Original Ordinance authorized the appropriation and bonding authorization up to \$665,000 for the costs associated with the City Hall energy conservation improvements (hereafter the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with the Project have increased to approximately \$705,000; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to amend the Original Ordinance to increase the appropriation and bonding authorization set forth therein so as to properly finance the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

Section 1. The title of the Original Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of the appropriation and bonding authorization set forth therein by \$40,000 from \$665,000 to \$705,000.

Section 2. Section 1 of the Original Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of the appropriation set forth therein by \$40,000 from \$665,000 to \$705,000.

Section 3. Section 2 of the Original Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of the total estimated cost of the Project set forth therein by \$40,000 from \$665,000 to \$705,000.

Section 4. Section 3 of the Original Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of the bonding authorization set forth therein by \$40,000 from \$665,000 to \$705,000.

Section 5. The issue of additional bonds as described above and of all other bonds or notes of the City heretofore authorized but not yet issued, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, would not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any debt limit calculated in accordance with law as shown by the “Debt Statement” attached hereto.

Section 6. Except as specifically modified or amended herein, all other provisions of the Original Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Enacted by Common Council: _____, 2012

Notice of Passage Published: _____, 2012

Effective Date of Ordinance: _____, 2012

Public Works Appropriation Request:

Councilman Berch reads and moves for approval the appropriation request from Public Works Department to improve the technology in the Council Chamber and his motion is seconded by Councilman Santangelo.

Councilman Serra states he will be supporting this because Arlene Rich supports this. He has had a lot of complaints about what is going over Comcast especially from his wife; sounds like it will be a nice system and we talked about this in Finance and this appropriation will be reimbursed by a bond, where we will have a bond issue for City Hall security, phone system for all departments and a whole cadre of things we will be doing and it will be reimbursed as an IT electronic bond. He hopes everyone else will support this.

Councilwoman Kasper states she will support this appropriation. She operates the equipment for other commissions and when she came in the other night, the camera people were upset because we were not broadcasting and with the help of Joe Rigano, we got it going. It is operating on a wing and a prayer. She will support this.

Councilman Serra states, through the Chair, can it be done post haste after the 15 days; can we get going on it as soon as possible.

The Chair states please come forward to respond. Mr. Seligman states the turnaround time is two weeks to get all the equipment in-house and he doesn't know if that is soon enough. The Chair states you can begin as soon as the contract is signed. Mr. Seligman responds that is two weeks.

Councilman Pessina states in that light, will you check with the Council Clerk and try to get it between meetings.

The Chair, seeing no further discussion, calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with eleven aye votes. The Chair states the matter passes unanimously with eleven affirmative votes and one member absent.

Public Works

\$118,160.32, Account No. 1000-22000-55185-0227-50001, Contractual Services, General Fund.

(APPROVED)

Agenda Item **6-1**

Councilwoman Kasper reads and moves for approval agenda item 6-1; her motion is seconded by Councilman Pessina.

Councilman Serra states along with the Council, Mayor and Corporation Counsel, he requests Joe Samolis, Tim Lynch and Douglas Rae remain for the executive session. The Chair states, without objection, those three may remain.

The Chair calls for discussion; seeing none, he calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with eleven aye votes. The Chair states we will go into executive session at this time and requests all other people to leave the chamber. The Executive Session is called at 7:43 p.m.

Resolution No.

File Name

Description

42-12

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Approving holding an executive session immediately following the passage of this resolution regarding preliminary drafts or notes provided the public agency has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure in order to review and discuss the draft report of the subcommittee investigating the move of the Water and Sewer Department under the authority of Section 1-200 (6) (E) and Section 1-210 (B)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended.

(APPROVED)

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee has deemed that the public interest in withholding the draft report clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure in order to discuss changes to the draft before the final report is written.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That it hold an executive session immediately following the passage of this resolution per CT General Statutes 1-200 (6) (e) and 1-121 (b) (1), preliminary drafts or notes provided the public agency has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure in order to review and discuss the draft report of the subcommittee investigating the move of the Water and Sewer Department.

Motion to Return

Councilman Pessina moves to end the executive session and is seconded by Councilman Daley. The vote is called and the Council returns to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

The Council asked that the draft report be reviewed by Corporation Counsel Ryan and Acting City Attorney Lynch.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Serra moved to adjourn and his motion was seconded by Councilman Daley. The vote is called and it is unanimous to adjourn with eleven aye votes. The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD
Common Council Clerk